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Who, me?



- No one asked me!
- I just nodded and said, "Yes"
- I asked for it and got what I deserved.



Next Please!



- *Appointment times are nonexistent.*
- *There is no consistency of which doctor you see.*
- *The pharmacist could do with a course on interpersonal skills*
- *Difficult for patients who work to get suitable appointments.*
- *Impossible to telephone reception.*
- *Sometimes you get an answer, most times no answer or answer phone.*

Dr Who?



- *'Wish I could be seen by the same Dr each and every visit'.*
- *'The odd junior Dr needs a kick in the pants and could do more to actually take the time to read a patient's file before beginning to pontificate'.*
- *'The Dr's and nurses who have worked here for years are all excellent.'*

What Now?



- I am marked forever
- Nothing will ever be the same
- I am right royally f*****d!



And the Band played on...



Next!



Ouch!



Almost done...



“[having] HIV and suppressing it, it’s a bit like holding a football underneath the water in a swimming pool, it takes a lot of energy. And I thought, there [are] better things I could be doing with that energy.... So when I was diagnosed ... I was able to stand up and say, ‘I’m shitting myself’.”

“The Stigma Index”

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